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GOOD NEWS FOR McCANTS.

Someone should send a marked copy of this morning's Advertiser to one T. McCants Stewart, late of Honolulu and at last reports elevated to the distinguished position of attorney general of Liberia and fondly hoping some day to be President, a ruler among nations, equal of Roosevelts, Hohenzollerns and Plantagenets. On the authority of the Honolulu morning paper, the dusky campaigner could then declare, in the thunderous tones once known here so well "It was I,—T. McCants Stewart,—who gave to the Hawaiian islands their first system of county government." Of course there are people here who might question this, but none in Liberia. In Liberia they need never know of the bumpy political road the dark resolution-member of the old central committee traveled here. They didn't know that in the Fighting Seventh he had to demonstrate that not even a flow of eggs could check his flow of speech, and that as a leader he was something like in the position of the battleship Kentucky in Admiral Sperry's splendid ocean line. Not in Liberia!

THE \$29,000,000 FINE DECISION.

The decision of the appellate court in the famous case of the \$29,000,000 fine imposed by Judge Landis on the Standard Oil Company was unanimous one, written by Judge Groscup, and it describes three errors into which the trial judge is held to have fallen. In a preliminary way, the three subjects taken up by the appeal judges are set forth briefly as follows:

"First, to the view adopted by the trial Court carried out in its rulings on the admission and exclusion of evidences, and embodied in its charge to the jury that a shipper can be convicted of accepting a concession from the lawful published rate, even though it is not shown as bearing on the matter of intent that the shipper at the time of accepting such concession knew what the lawful published rate actually was.

"Secondly, to the view adopted by the trial Court that the number of the offenses is the number of carloads of property transported, irrespective of whether each carload the whole or the part only of a single transaction resulting in a shipment; and

"Third, whether in the imposition of the fine named 'the trial Court abused the discretion vested in the Court."

In the discussion of the last of these three errors, the court makes comments which will probably appeal to the fairness and common sense of many people, however strong the feeling may be that morally Standard Oil deserves the big fine. The defendant before Judge Landis was the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, which is only a million dollar corporation. The judge admitted that his record-breaking fine was intended to punish the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, it having developed that the New Jersey company owned most of the stock of the Indiana company. The appellate court remarks that the New Jersey company was not before the court, had not had its day in court and therefore could not properly be condemned and punished. Morally this simply means to many that Rockefeller's attorneys are a few jumps ahead of the country's legal system, having been clever enough to devise an interstate system the law cannot reach. But the justice and correctness of the ruling seems evident, though the government has taken an appeal. As to the other two errors they are more technical and will strike the lay mind as much less certain. Holding that the shipper might have been excused from violating the law on the ground that he didn't know the legal rate, and that Landis' error in counting the offenses separately, one for each shipment, is letting the defendant out on grounds that will seem disputable to many.

Possibly the Turks are beginning to suspect that they are only going to have a Douma.

Public sentiment in favor of establishing county government here was so strong that, if spoils was the underlying motive, about 90% of our people the people must be grafters. But the fact is that hundreds of citizens who wouldn't take a county job or any other kind of a public job if they could decently avoid it, worked, talked and voted for county government.

MILLIONS FOR WATER SUPPLY IN LOS ANGELES.

The city of Los Angeles is building dams to impound water for the supply of its people 240 miles away in the heart of the Sierra mountains and has begun with construction of the canal, aqueduct and tunnels necessary to bring the water to the city. The cost, according to an article in Municipal Engineering, will be more than \$20,000,000, and 250,000,000 gallons of water a day will be supplied.

Midway of the conduit line, the city of Los Angeles is to establish a cement plant, as it has been demonstrated that in the vicinity the materials for the manufacture of superior Portland cement are available. The estimated cost of the mill (1,000 barrels daily capacity) is \$300,000, and as about 1,300,000 barrels of cement will be required it is regarded as desirable to manufacture it. As the city will not exhaust the deposit of clay and limestone, it is believed that the plant at the end of the construction of the aqueduct will be worth almost as much as it cost the city.

In general, the plan of the aqueduct is to be of concrete, partially open, 12 by 14 feet with sloping sides. Steel inverted siphons and tunnelling will be necessary features of the aqueduct. The tunnels will have a capacity of 20,000 miner's inches of water. Ultimately it is expected the engineers will be able to construct fifty miles of aqueduct each year.

The scheme of diversion and storage contemplates providing three reservoir sites. At the Fernando site, however, there will be two reservoirs, the head of the San Fernando Valley being the end of the conduit.

It is the intention of the city to provide electric energy and also to supply water for irrigation purposes, as there are upwards of 75,000 acres near Los Angeles practically barren on account of lack of water.

THE "STAR" SPECIAL ARTICLE PAGE---

Wit, Wisdom, Humor
 Politics and Nonsense

BRYAN'S DIFFICULTIES IF HE IS ELECTED

A REPUBLICAN SENATE WOULD BLOCK ALL HIS PLANS DURING HIS FIRST FOUR YEARS—REASONS WHY IF ELECTED HE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO RECONSIDER HIS DECLARATION AGAINST A SECOND TERM.

(From The Hawaiian Star's Washington Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 19.—Word comes from Denver that Mr. Bryan "feels confident of carrying the Pacific Coast States on the Oriental exclusion plank in the Denver platform, strengthened, as he thinks, by the enlarged navy plank." If this dispatch properly reflects the views of the democratic nominee, it will be evident to any man who reasons that Mr. Bryan is building hopes on very unsound foundations. For it is a recognized fact that throughout the next administration, the United States Senate will be republican, and no republican Senate is going to assist in carrying out the pledges contained in a platform dictated by the democratic candidate and ratified by the democratic convention.

A republican Senate, during a republican administration, has refused to legislate along the lines laid down in the Denver platform; it has refused to bar the Japanese from our shores, and has refused to enter upon any such naval program as it favored by Bryan and Hobson. How much more readily would a republican Senate turn down these propositions, if advocated by a democratic administration, especially if those two issues had proven instrumental in swinging into Pacific Coast states into the democratic column.

The plain fact of the matter is that Bryan, if elected, could not force Congress to absolutely put up the bars against all Orientals, nor could he force Congress to adopt a more liberal naval programme than has been agreed to by the present republican Congress, which refused to respect the wishes and recommendations of President Roosevelt. No more could Bryan, if elected, put through the other numerous reforms to which he and his party are pledged in the Denver platform. A republican Senate would block the way.

It is this situation which renders absurd the announcement made by Bryan immediately after his nomination that he would not be a candidate for re-election if elected next November. This declaration, unquestionably made in good faith, has placed Bryan in a peculiar position. If elected, he would either be compelled to fulfill his promise and retire at the end of his term, having accomplished none of the legislative reforms to which he and the party stand pledged, or put aside his declaration and run again.

The Bryan declaration is neither as forceful nor as convincing as the announcement made by President Roosevelt immediately following his election, and in all probability it is not made for the same purpose. President Roosevelt had served nearly one full term when he came out with his famous declaration; he knew the powers and the possibilities of his office, and the demands of his party and the country. Bryan, on the other hand,

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Tales Worth Telling

FROM THE BRINY DEEP.

Officer—Excuse me madam; there goes eight bells; it's my watch on deck.

Mrs. Landsman—Well, I don't blame you for keeping your watch on deck if it strikes as loudly as that.—Harper's Weekly.

HE HAD THE FLOOR.

Mrs. Crimsonbeak—John you yawned twice while we were calling on that lady.

Mr. Crimsonbeak—Well, dear, you didn't expect me to keep my mouth closed all the time, did you?—Yonkers Statesman.

A WINNING SPEECH.

She was white with indignation. "You shall never go down to that horrid club again, James Henry."

"But, Martha, I—"

"Never mind. You heard what I said. You must remember when I bring my foot down on anything it bears weight."

"What? You mean to ridicule my assertion, James Henry Butler?"

"Oh, no, my dear. I merely wished to remark that a foot as small as the one you possess could not possibly bear weight."

There was a long pause.

"You really think so, James? Well, now, aren't you both clever and truthful! I believe I will let you go down to the club tonight if you'll promise to come home real early."

GRAND COLLECTION.

"Yes, sah," said the old colonel, "the prohibition law sho' did go into effect down in Georgia, sah."

"That so, colonel?" responded the Chicago friend. "Well, I suppose you had a great number of wire corkscrews left over."

"I did that, sah. I had them by the bushel."

"And did you throw them away, colonel?"

"Oh, no; I stretched them out and made a wire fence and a lightning rod, sah."

GENERAL CLEAN UP.

Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard to get her poor dog a bone.

"She'll find it bare, all right," sighed the dog.

"How do you know?" asked the cat.

"She hasn't opened it yet."

"No, but don't you know she keeps summer boarders?"

And when the cupboard was opened there was not a meal for a field mouse.

HIS EXCUSE.

"Look here," thundered the captain

of the suburban hose company, "why don't you turn out? Brown's barn is on fire."

"I can't," responded the dude fireman.

"And why not?"

"Because I have just discovered that a red shirt does not suit my complexion, sir."

BRIGHT EDITORS

Kansas is complaining because it has too many spell binders and not enough wheatbinders.—Omaha Bee.

Peoria claims to have the original Taft man, but it is generally believed the President has the right to that honor.—Atlanta Georgian.

The outrage of being compelled to have a peaceful election is enough to drive the people of Panama to riot and revolution.—Buffalo Courier.

Sir Thomas Lipton will challenge again. Mr. Bryan need not think to take the prize for perseverance without a competitor.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Mr. Bryan says he would rather make religious than political speeches. And Mr. Johnson of Minnesota would be the last to interpose any objections.—Pittsburg Times.

Ann Arbor physicians have recently removed a rubber eraser from the ear of a school girl. She must have been trying to get something off her mind.—Washington Post.

A scientist declares that the problem before the next generation will be how to keep from freezing. By the time the present generation will have solved it.—Washington Post.

About \$32,000,000 in gold has flowed over to Europe lately but Charlemagne Tower is bringing back that gold-lace uniform, thus evening up a little.—Minneapolis Journal.

One good thing about our national conventions is that they can be held without arousing a suspicion that their chief purpose is the isolation of Germany.—Chicago Record-Herald.

THE KEYNOTE.

From Columbus Ohio State Journal.

Uncle Julius Caesar Burrows doubtless innocently thought that, if you keynoted long enough to make the delegates think it was a presidential message they were listening to you did not have to pay any further tributes.

From the Detroit News.

An analysis of those 18,000 words is confidently expected to show the following: Rhetoric, 16,750; Burrows, 1,125; republican party, 120; Roosevelt and Taft, trace.

From the Kansas City Times.

It's all right for a man to be a dreamer of dreams providing he wakes up occasionally and gets busy.

THE MORAL PERIL OF SILK PETTICOATS.

It has remained for the president of the St. Louis Women's Trade Union League, Mrs. Daniel Kneffler, to reveal the insidious menace to feminine morals which lurks in silk petticoats. According to Mrs. Kneffler, the wish of silk petticoats has led more girls to destruction than any other agency she knows of. Their seductive rustle fosters extravagance and vanity and invites dangerous attentions. Poor girls careful of their good name should not wear them.

Mimi (or was it Musette?) asked her poet-lover to add a verse to his poem so that the gown to be bought from the proceeds should have a frou-frou. But Murger's heroines were not paragons of propriety and are not recommended for emulation. Yet the suggestion of original sin in silk is a rather unsubstantial basis on which to form new moral classification. The aspiration to "swish" is implanted in feminine hearts without distinction of character or social position.

The evidence increases that the number of subjects not already regulated by clubwomen censors is now so small as to make difficult the choice of a new topic of criticism. The Women's Club Federation at its session in Boston may profitably consider whether a close season of censorship is not advisable to permit the accumulation of material for moral castigation.—New York World.

DAVID B. HILL.

From the Detroit Free Press.

It was a scurvy trick for David Bennett Hill to flee the country and leave the whole burden on "C'n'l Henry's" shoulders.

From the Newark Evening News.

Europe doesn't seem to be particularly perturbed over the presence of either Dave Hill or Ben Tillman. Europe knows that neither of them proposes to stay there permanently.

From the Omaha Bee.

"There is no democratic party," says David B. Hill. That man ought to know as he was present at the killing of it and served as one of the active pall-bearers and ever since has been in mourning.

From the Nashville Banner.

Mr. David Bennett Hill imagines that he has carried the democratic party with him to Europe.

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

David B. Hill may be expected to receive the election news on the morning of November 4 with the remark: "I am again a democrat."

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